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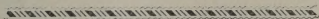
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APPROPRIATIONS.

To pay Interest on town debt,	\$100 00
Town officers,	300 00
for breaking roads to March 1, 1885,	710 61
State Tax,	308 00
County Tax,	737 31
Repairing Highways in summer,	450 00
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	\$2605 92

Poll Tax,	\$1 72
Highway Tax,	0 32

PAID THE FOLLOWING BILLS BY ORDERS ON THE TOWN TREASURER.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, state tax,	\$308 00
Henry W. Furber, county tax,	737 31
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	\$1045 31

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	Joseph S. Curtis,	\$82 95
“ “ 2,	J. Neal Cate, for 1884,	22 38
“ “ 3,	Peter Cook,	116 89
“ “ 4,	David L. Wentworth,	56 40
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		\$278 62

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid District No. 1,	Joseph S. Curtis,	\$6 92
“ “ 1,	Ezekiel Prescott,	1 00
“ “ 5 and 7,	Samuel D. Adjutant,	5 25
“ “ 11,	Luther M. Sanborn,	5 96
“ “ 13,	John F. Robinson,	12 00
“ “ 18,	Caleb H. Pike,	5 00
“ “ 18,	John F. Hackett,	1 00
“ “ 11,	Daniel D. Tibbetts,	5 52
“ “ 13 and 7,	Frank Hutchins,	5 40
“ “ 11,	Joseph S. Wentworth,	1 25
“ “ 11,	John W. Cotton,	2 50
“ “ 5,	Charles H. Hanson,	1 75
“ “ 13,	Stephen H. Hutchins,	1 50
“ “ 7,	A. A. Shortridge,	4 79
“ “ 10,	John S. Weeks,	2 00
“ “ 10,	Isaiah W. Palmer,	2 00
“ “ 11,	John C. Canney,	4 37
“ “ 11,	James H. Tibbetts,	2 49
“ “ 19,	John E. Witham,	1 88
“ “ 9,	Samuel F. Cummings,	3 93
Phineas O. Cottle,	Durgin bridge,	8 53
Charles Churchill,	bridge plank,	1 66
William H. Willey,	bridge plank,	7 06
G. H. Witham,	Willey's bill, bridge plank,	4 12
District No. 2 and 3,	James H. Willey,	40 00
“ “ “ “ “	plank & String's	4 94
“ “ “	John C. Eaton,	1 00
“ “ 1,	Thomas L. Churchill, plank & labor,	46 45
“ “ 3,	J. Neal Cate,	28 00
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		\$218 27

PAID EXTRA HIGHWAY BILLS IN WINTER.

Paid Sydney J. Hanson,	\$1 39
Joseph H. Hanson,	1 02
Frank P. Lang, heirs of,	1 87
Richard Yeaton, bal. above taxes,	5 08
John Perry,	6 16
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	\$15 52

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

Paid Ruhama Smith for Mary Shortridge,	\$65 00
“ “ clothing for Mary Shortridge,	2 08
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	\$67 08

PAID ON NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Dudley C. Colman,	\$24 00
Thomas T. Dealand,	12 00
Susan A. Hutchins,	21 00
Ezekiel Prescott,	17 29
Frank Hutchins,	160 00
Peter Cook,	150 00
Betsy L. Hutchins,	11 40
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	\$395 69

PAID SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Stephen H. Hutchins, selectman,	\$40 75
John C. Pike, “	30 75
William A. Bixby, “	22 25
John B. Lord, treasurer,	20 00
John F. Robinson, town clerk,	17 55
Stephen H. Hutchins, supt. of schools,	10 00
Reed A. Lang, collector of taxes,	20 00

Edwin C. Newell, supervisor,	3 50
John E. Witham, “	4 00
Henry Lang, “	4 00
Edwin L. Brown, fish warden,	3 00
Jonathan W. Sanborn, auditor,	2 00
Dudley C. Colman, “	2 00
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	\$179 80

ALLOWED THE FOLLOWING ABATEMENTS.

ON C. H. WITHAM'S LIST OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1883.

Simeon Sanders, highway, worked out,	\$1 19
George Hubbard, heirs of,	1 17
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	\$2 36

ON C. H. WITHAM'S LIST OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1884.

Charles F. Rines, highway, worked out,	\$1 28
George H. Robinson, error in dog tax,	1 00
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	\$2 28

ON REED A. LANG'S LIST OF TAXES FOR YEAR 1885.

Samuel M. Allen, loss of cow,	\$0 44
William A. Maleham, loss of cow,	48
Andrew J. Lang, dog tax,	1 00
Henry Drew, dog tax,	1 00
J. W. Garvin & Co.,	1 04
Jethro R. Furber,	3 44
Sylvester L. Shortridge, dog tax,	1 00
George W. Rines,	1 72
John W. Sanborn, error in tax,	36
Charles H. Rines,	1 72
Nathaniel Brewster, highway, worked out,	1 52
Deren F. Stodard “ “ “	3 20
A. F. Garland, “ “ “	58
Moses Thompson, “ “ “	48
John Gilman, “ “ “	2 43
Theodore Gilman, “ “ “	29
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	\$20 70

PAID THE FOLLOWING BOUNTIES.

Paid Stephen H. Hutchins,	\$6 50
John C. Pike,	30
William A. Bixby,	4 90
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	\$11 70

PAID BY REED A. LANG FOR BREAKING ROADS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1885.

Paid Dist. No. 1, T. L. Churchill, surveyor,	\$86 32
“ 2, James H. Willey, “	57 57
“ 3, J. Neal Cate, “	27 70
“ 5, S. D. Adjutant, “	24 09
“ 6, Samuel S. Eaton, “	26 06
“ 7, S. L. Shortridge, “	66 51
“ 9, John F. Adjutant, “	73 92
“ 10, Isaiah W. Palmer, “	55 15
“ 11, L. M. Sanborn, “	56 66
“ 12, James C. Clark, “	39 78
“ 13, John F. Robinson, “	25 25
“ 14, S. H. Plummer, “	43 57
“ 17, Harry L. Lang, “	38 47
“ 18, John F. Hackett, “	11 31
“ 19, John E. Witham, “	30 21
“ 21, George H. Robinson, “	37 60
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	\$700 17

PAID TOWN TREASURER.

Paid Savings Bank tax received from state,	\$190 40
Railroad tax “ “ “	8 20
Literary fund, “ “ “	41 48
Bounties on woodchucks, “ “	11 70

Pauper bills, received from county,	48 07
“ “ “ “ “	41 25
Expense of conveying Charles Cook to Boston, received from county,	11 50
Received from James C. Clark, for note,	150 00
“ “ Charles E. Clark, for note,	50 00
“ “ James C. Clark, for note,	50 00
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	\$602 60

PAID MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Charles H. Parker, printing town reports,	\$12 00
George S. Dorr, printing fish notices and orders,	2 65
S. W. Roberts, report of births and deaths,	1 50
John Boston, damage on highway,	15 00
Town of Middleton, one half surveyors bill,	4 50
Ivory P. Whitehouse, expense in carrying Charles Cook to Boston, Mass ,	11 50
C. H. Witham, Richard Yeaton's tax,	3 80
C. H. Hanson, public watering place,	3 00
Betsy L. Hutchins, board of selectmen,	8 00
Stephen H. Hutchins, money paid out,	10 81
William A. Bixby, “ “ “	1 30
Luther M. Sanborn, public watering place,	3 00
Town of Welfboro', one half surveyors bill,	2 50
C. H. Witham, abatements 1883, allowed by former board of selectmen,	15 53
John E. Scruton, reporting births and deaths,	75
S. H. Hutchins, making two reports to state,	2 00
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	\$97 84

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County taxes,	\$1045 31
Several school districts,	278 62
Highways and bridges,	218 27
Extra highway bills in winter,	15 52

Support of paupers,	67 08
On notes,	395 69
Town officers,	179 80
C. H. Witham, abatements for 1883,	2 36
“ “ “ 1884,	2 28
Reed A. Lang, “ 1885,	20 70
Bounties,	11 70
Reed A. Lang, Breaking roads,	700 17
Town Treasurer,	602 60
Miscellaneous bills,	97 84
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	\$3637 94

WHOLE AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM MARCH 1, 1885, TO
MARCH 1, 1886.

From State, savings bank tax,	\$190 40
“ railroad tax,	8 20
“ Literary fund,	41 48
“ Bounties,	11 70
Carroll county, pauper bills,	48 07
“ “ “ “	41 25
“ “ expense in Cook case,	11 50
James C. Clark, for note,	150 00
Charles E. Clark, “	50 00
James C. Clark, “	50 00
Town Treasurer, on orders,	3035 34
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	\$3637 94

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due Dudley C. Colman, on note,	\$400 00
Ezekiel Prescott, “	135 61
Thomas T. Dealand, “	200 00
Frank Hutchins, “	70 90
Betsy L. Hutchins “	190 00
Susan A. Hutchins, “	350 00

Due Peter Cook,	on note,	108 49
Charles E. Clark,	"	42 40
James C. Clark,	"	150 00
Charles E. Clark,	"	50 00
James C. Clark,	"	50 00
School district No. 2,		19 10
" " " 5,		11 25
" " " 7,		118 90
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		\$1896 65

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from T. L. Churchill, collector 1879,	\$7 76
" " " 1880,	35 00
C. H. Witham, " 1883,	28 91
" " " 1884,	39 49
Reed A. Lang, " 1885,	397 23
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	60 95
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\$569 34	

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS,	} Selectmen of Brookfield.
JOHN C. PIKE,	

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly supported by the necessary vouchers.

JONA. W. SANBORN,	} Auditors.
DUDLEY C. COLMAN,	

Brookfield, N. H.,	}
March 3, 1886.	

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIVED.

From Treasurer 1884,	\$3 79
Charles H. Witham, collector 1884,	15 00
Selectmen, pauper bill,	48 07
Charles H. Witham, collector 1884,	58 00
Selectmen,	150 00
“	100 00
Charles H. Witham, collector 1883, 1884,	71 00
Selectmen, pauper bill,	52 75
Charles H. Witham, collector 1883,	21 50
T. L. Churchill, “ 1880,	6 90
Railroad tax,	8 20
Savings bank tax,	190 43
Literary fund,	41 48
Bounties on wild animals,	11 70
Reed A. Lang, on tax list 1885,	2162 49
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	\$3076 29

PAID.

Paid State and county taxes,	\$1045 31
School districts,	278 62
Notes and interest,	395 69
Highway bills,	233 79
Pauper bills,	78 58
Breaking roads to March 1, 1885,	700 17
Bounties,	11 70
Town officers,	159 80
Miscellaneous bills,	70 81
Abatements,	40 87
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	60 95
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	\$3076 29

JOHN B. LORD, Town Treasurer.

Brookfield, March 3, 1886.

This certifies that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts and found them correctly cast and regularly vouched for.

JONA. W. SANBORN, {
DUDLEY C. COLMAN, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the citizens of the town of Brookfield the annual report of the
Superintending School Committee is respectfully submitted:

The schools of Brookfield have been kept in successful operation during the past year, no serious interruption having occurred to interrupt their progress. In one district the winter term was shortened in consequence of a contagious disease. Most of the teachers employed have had some experience.

This school question is no new one. No subject is more important in its bearing upon the welfare of our community. Improvement should ever be uppermost in the minds of those connected with our schools. It is universally conceded that the object of common schools is to secure the greatest good to the greatest number. Upon this point there is a general agreement. The real question is by what means this work may be best accomplished. In our opinion the first great want in all our schools is a more active interest on the part of parents in the success of the school, such an interest as will tend to secure punctuality and obedience from the scholars, without which a good school is impossible. Do not give the teacher cause to feel that he is wholly responsible for the success of the school. Some registers contain a respectable number of names on the visitors list, and others a deplorable lack of the same. Agents should make extensive inquiries, if they have not personal knowledge, in regard to the qualifications of a teacher before engaging his services. They should seek the best qualified, and thus relieve the examining committee of a great deal that is unpleasant. The advantage of having instructors who have learned their business is obvious.

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Districts cannot afford to use their schools for experimental purposes for the benefit of apprentices. The price which a competent teacher demands for his services is of small importance compared with the qualifications which are required. Low wages and poor schools are the worst policy any district can pursue.

Our schools lack some things which must be supplied in the near future, or we shall find that we are hopelessly behind the times. There ought to be a Webster's unabridged dictionary, a globe, and a good map of our state in each of our schools. Under our statutes the selectmen and school committee are impowered to furnish the same. But in their failure to act in the matter I would suggest that the several districts each put into their respective schools for the use of the scholars, at least an unabridged dictionary. Teaching school without a dictionary is like a mariner at sea without a compass. In relation to the town system, much has been said pro and con, but we do not propose to discuss it, since our state has seen fit to adopt it, but are content to await its working, hoping it will be an improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

FIRST TERM. Miss Mary A. Jordan, teacher. Number of weeks, 5. Average attendance, 17. Number not absent one-half day, 5. Wages per month, including board, \$22.

SECOND TERM. Miss Mary A. Jordan, teacher. No. of weeks, 8. Average attendance, 20. Not absent one-half day, 2. Wages per month, including board, \$24.

This school made good improvement. Miss Jordan has had years of experience in the school room, and this fact seems to be a sufficient recommendation.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

There are no scholars living in this district. Last year's money was expended the present season, scholars living in the town of Wolfboro' receiving all the benefit. No return of the school has been received, consequently we are unable to make a definite report.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM. Miss Laura G. Page, teacher. No. of weeks, 8. Average attendance, 24. Not absent one-half day, 12. Wages per month, including board, \$24.

SECOND TERM. Miss Laura G. Page, teacher. No. of weeks, 9. Average attendance, 19. Not absent one-half day, 5. No. of visitors, 23. Wages per month, including board, \$28.

The school, though interrupted by sickness, was a success. The district was unusually fortunate in securing the services of Miss Page.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

FIRST TERM. Miss Lulu M. Wentworth, teacher. No. weeks, 5.

We are unable to make a report of this school as the teacher neglected to fill the register.

SECOND TERM. Miss Alzira Cotton, teacher. No. of weeks, 8. Average attendance, 23. Not absent one-half day, 4. Wages per month, including board, \$20.

We visited this school at its beginning and found it in successful operation. It closed prematurely, the result of sickness, and we were thus prevented from making a second visit.

DISTRICT NO. 5

Is united with No. 7 in the town of New Durham.

DISTRICT NO. 6

Is united with No. 2 in the town of Wakefield.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

There are no scholars in this district.

DISTRICT NO. 8

Is united with No. 12 in the town of Wakefield.

Whole number weeks schooling in town during the year, 43.
 Whole number of scholars in the schools, 71; average attendance,
 67. Whole amount appropriated for schooling, \$338.88. Of this
 amount ~~\$2.88~~^{12.38} is due other towns, and \$70.26 remains unexpended.

In conclusion we would say that we have made the usual number of visits with two exceptions. And in making the above report have endeavored to present to the town a correct report of the condition of the schools.

S. H. HUTCHINS,

Supt. S. Committee.

Brookfield N. H., Feb. 13, 1886.

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